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Dear Ms. Smolbuik,

This may duplicate request I asked Gary Mack to make for me.

In my first book on the assassination I published a police picture of the rifle as it was found. It is not as clear a picture as I hope can be made from the original negative. I want to publish what that picture shows again and write to ask about obtaining copies hopefully made from the negatives. Please let me know the cost and I'll send you a check.

The rifle was found leaning against book cartons inside a rectangle of those cartons. It was partly covered with some cardboard and some paper.

Pictures were taken by Lieutenant Day and Detective Studebaker. I think four were given to the Warren Commission. I want only one for publication, perhaps two. Depending on the cost I may ask for prints of all four. Otherwise my interest is in showing how the rifle was when found, at least when first photographed. Including the degree to which it was not immediately visible because of the paper and cardboard that was over it.

I would also like to have how the credit should be phrased. If you have no policy on this, may I suggest that it should be to your archive?

My friend Jim Leavelle tells me that you have some kind of catalogue of what is available. I'll appreciate a copy of it for archival purposes. All I have, which is considerable, will be a free public archive at local Hood College and in the future I think it will help those using it to know what you have. It is that now, as Leavelle can tell you. I allow all who write in the field and those who have special interests to go over what I have, and that includes about a third of a million pages of once-withheld government records of which about a quarter of a million are in the JFK assassination, and to use our copier. Leavelle has done this to a limited degree. As I told him, I think that some of the retired officers who have the time might be interested in getting copies of those FBI records reflecting Hoover's animosity toward and actions against your police department. If you are interested in any such records for your archive, if anyone is in the area they will be welcome to copy them. It will take a little searching but not much time. On some subjects I have made duplicate copies and copying them takes no time for searching.

We are about an hour or a little more from both Baltimore and Washington, depending on traffic.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg